



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Erning Xia, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/782,318)
Filed: February 13, 2001)
Title: HIGH OSMOLYTE CLEANING AND)
DISINFECTION METHOD AND)
SOLUTION FOR CONTACT LENSES)
Examiner: E. B. Elhilo
Group No.: 1751
Docket No: P01849

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Honorable Sir:

Applicants herein respectfully request in this petition a one (1) month extension of time as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a), from October 27, 2002 to November 27, 2002, within which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed August 27, 2002 regarding the above-identified application.

Please charge the required non-small entity one month extension fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) as well as any additional required fee to deposit account 02-1425. Triplicate copies of this petition are submitted herewith for billing purposes.

Should you have any questions regarding this communication, please feel free to contact me at (636) 226-3340.

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Respectfully submitted,

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